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Superintendent Garry F. McCarthy  
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RE: Complaint versus officer 's conduct

Dear Superintendent McCarthy:

It is with a heavy heart, and with considerable consternation, that I write this letter on behalf of myself and my girl friend, [REDACTED]. It deals with the conduct of one of your officers/detectives in their official capacity.

On Tuesday, January 17, 2012 I attended a meeting with another attorney in Oak Park, Illinois. Following the meeting I met with my girlfriend so we could travel from Oak Park to her doctor's office in Jefferson Park. At about 2:05 pm we were traveling northbound on Austin in the lane closest to the center line. As we approached the intersection with Division Street the traffic control light was red so we stopped. Shortly thereafter a vehicle pulled up next to us in the curb lane. It stopped for the light as well, but kept inching up; I thought it was going to make a right on red. When the light turned to green we proceeded northbound in our lane. The vehicle next to us did not start up immediately and I thought it turned right. Within seconds the vehicle jack rabbit started and raced up next to us. Unfortunately for that driver there was a parked vehicle in the curb lane north of Division. This driver was forced to stop rather quickly. As we proceeded north on Austin this vehicle pulled up behind us, within inches of our rear bumper, and turned on a flashing blue light and siren. We pulled over to the curb. Instead of pulling behind us the driver pulled his vehicle next to us. He began shaking his fist and yelling, and clearly in his hand was a weapon. After a few seconds he began to drive off north on Austin. We pulled back into the traffic lane and began to proceed. At that moment the driver of this other vehicle abruptly jammed on his brakes in such a manner as to stop extremely sudden and to cause a rear end accident. Since we were still in shock, and not too close, we were able to stop. The driver performed this same maneuver again, so we again pulled over to the curb and waited for other traffic to catch up and get in between. Then we pulled back in traffic and proceeded north bound on Austin. We stayed far enough behind this person to avoid them, but we did see them turn onto Grand Avenue.

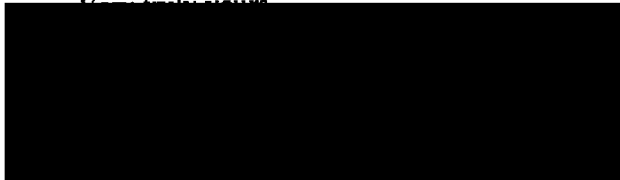
The vehicle was an "unmarked" police vehicle. It was a silver colored Chevy Impala, looked to me to be a fairly late model. It bore Illinois license plate [REDACTED]. The driver was a male, white, with gray thinning hair and approximately 50 YOA. From the vantage point of sitting in a vehicle he looked to be of average height and slim to medium build.

Needless to say we were both in shock as to this incident. It wasn't enough that this person's erratic driving almost caused several accidents, his display of a weapon was totally uncalled for and not only inappropriate but criminal behavior.

Neither I nor my girlfriend enjoys complaining about a police officer, we both have too much respect for the job. Both of our families have had members on the force. However, given this man's behavior we feel we would be doing a disservice to the community if we sat back and ignored this behavior. He not only jeopardized lives, he displayed a complete disregard for the lives and property he is sworn to uphold. Not only do the citizens of Chicago have the right to feel free from police misconduct, the taxpayers have the right to expect their property will be handled properly, and not used in a manner attempting a vehicular collision.

I sincerely hope I hear from someone and that measures are taken to resolve this. I would hope that CPD will clean its own laundry and I will not have to take other legal means to redress this. I look forward to hearing from someone in the near future.

Very truly yours,



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CC: Honorable  
Honorable

